

**13. PROPOSED BANKS PENINSULA/CHRISTCHURCH CITY AMALGAMATION:  
SUBMISSION TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION**

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The purpose of this report is to establish a timetable for the Council to develop its submission on the proposed Banks Peninsula/Christchurch City amalgamation.

Members will recall that last month the Committee adopted a range of techniques for seeking community views on the Draft Re-organisation Scheme. These techniques included holding community workshops, production of a special issue of City Scene, placing information on the Council's Web site, and undertaking research.

Action is being taken to gain community views as proposed.

It was originally envisaged that a Special Council meeting be held, on or around 17 May, to consider community feedback and develop a submission for forwarding to the Commission by 20 May.

Given that the Council's ordinary meeting is scheduled for 27 May the Commission has been asked to extend the date for lodging submissions until 28 May.

In anticipation of this extension it is now proposed that the Strategy & Resources Committee hold a seminar meeting on **Monday 24 May 1999**.

The outcomes of the seeking community views exercise would be presented to the seminar, and following discussion and direction from the Committee a draft submission prepared for presentation to the Council meeting on 27 May.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Strategy & Resources Committee hold a seminar meeting at 12 noon on Monday 24 May for the purposes of being briefed on the outcome of the seeking community views exercise and developing a Council position on the proposed amalgamation of Banks Peninsula and Christchurch City.
  2. That all Councillors be invited to attend the seminar.
  3. That a draft submission to the Local Government Commission be prepared after the seminar and considered by the Council at its 27 May meeting.

**Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** That the above recommendation be adopted.